Senior Site Bites

Gold Creek School had a special event on Thursday supporting ‘The National Day of Action against Bullying’. All students from Preschool to Year 10 stopped normal classes for an hour and buddied up, Senior Site tutor groups mixing with Junior Site classes. Each group met together and discussed issues around bullying and strategies to support students if they find themselves in these situations. It was encouraging seeing the students mix together so well and work so respectfully and responsibly. Many senior students were reminiscing about their days in primary school and felt the chairs were much too small. The junior students were looking up in awe at the senior students, pretty amazed at the height of some students.

The opportunities to work collaboratively as a P to 10 School were highlighted by this activity today. We also have classes who work together regularly across the two sites supporting specific curriculum outcomes. We have our student leadership team supporting the student leaders on the Junior Site. Mentoring opportunities for students across both school sites are a means we use in supporting students in their learning.

Brenda Ryan—Associate Principal

DEBATING 2014

The ACT debating competition has kicked off to a flying start for Gold Creek School. Our junior team consisting of Johnathan, Zoran and Luke, did a great job at Canberra Girls Grammar on Monday night and our two senior teams Tessa, Tara, Emily and Bebin, Jed, Rowan and Nic stormed home with two wins at Radford College on Wednesday night.
Yr 7/8 French Film Festival

Bonjour! 22 of our enthusiastic French students from year 7 and 8 classes attended the film ‘Boule and Bill’ as part of the French Film Festival on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to practice our listening skills and to learn first hand what French films are all about. The film was a comedy and told the story of a young boy and his dog who got up to all sorts of mischief. Students did a wonderful job representing Gold Creek and enjoyed the film very much. A big ‘merci’ to parents for enabling their kids to have this experience.

Eric Woodward—Languages Teacher

Northside Girls Basketball Competition

On Wednesday 19 March the Year 7/8 and 9/10 Girls teams represented Gold Creek at the Northside carnival held at the Belconnen Basketball Stadium. Although they were not successful in making the semi-finals, the girls improved their game performance over the day and displayed commendable behaviour and sportsmanship. The girls are now keen to train throughout the year to make improvements for next year. Thankyou, to Simi Brankovic and Laura Johnson for helping to coach the Year 7/8 team. The teams were: Year 9/10: Simi Brankovic, Mabinity Koroma, Ruth Telfer, Meg Dingwall, Lui Kiriu, Rebecca Potter, Sawita Risbey, Laura Johnson, Tennille Miller, Kelly Loughhead, Kirri Everest. Year 7/8: Marie Sevala-Pomale, Rebecca Yoo, Binti Kamara, Leah Pepper, Nieve Elliott, Lydia Elliott, Chantel Bulakouski, Jasmin Sinclair, Joanne Louie.

Sally Parker—SHAPE Teacher

Gold Creek School P&C Meeting

The P&C General Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 6:30pm in the Primary Site Office, followed by a barbecue with new parents. This is the first P&C meeting since the amalgamation of the Preschool Association with our K-10 P&C. At the meeting, to assist parents applying for Working with Vulnerable People cards, we will be offering a ‘sight and sign’ session to witness documents. A copy of the application is attached and applicants should bring the completed form and two passport sized photos. More information on the Working with Vulnerable People requirements is available at http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people.

A copy of the agenda and more information is also available on the P&C website at http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/2014/03/19/agenda-pc-meeting-wed-26-march-new-parents-welcome/.

Please encourage new families to the school, particularly from the Pre-school, Kindergarten and Defence families to attend.

Paul Singer—Secretary, Gold Creek P&C

Fundraising Reminder - World Challenge Vietnam/Cambodia Trip

A reminder from our World Challenge Team regarding the fantastic portrait fundraiser towards the expedition and support of the orphanage in Vietnam and Cambodia. $20 will secure you a 10” by 13” family portrait valued at $90. To be held on Sunday 30 March 2014 in the Senior Site library. Your voucher must be paid for and booked in advance – please see attached link for your voucher www.laurajean.com.au Your portrait will be ready in time for Mother’s day, but hurry as places are limited!!

Leona Anton—Staffing and Marketing Officer

School Lockers

Lockers are still available for students from Year 7-10. If you are interested in locker hire, please see the Front Office for a contract and payment details.